

## 1981 Vocabulary Matching

*Match the words on the left to their definitions on the right.*

1	abolish	.....	a	a kind of protest by refusing to eat
2	abortion	.....	b	the crime of killing a person
3	admit	.....	c	made by people, often as a copy of a natural thing
4	AIDS	.....	d	to kill someone who is famous or important
5	artificial	.....	e	permission or agreement
6	assassinate	.....	f	to stop trying
7	attempt	.....	g	to feel sorry or sad about something in the past
8	capital punishment	.....	h	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
9	clone	.....	i	not true
10	consent	.....	j	to say that something is true
11	declare	.....	k	an operation to end a pregnancy
12	discover	.....	l	to try to do something
13	duet	.....	m	to sell a government owned company, service or industry
14	endless	.....	n	a running race of twenty-six miles (42.195 kilometers)
15	fictitious	.....	o	to invent something, such as a story, in order to deceive
16	genetic engineering	.....	p	to end a custom or activity officially
17	give up	.....	q	punishment by death
18	hunger strike	.....	r	live on television or the radio
19	make up	.....	s	full of hope or happiness
20	marathon	.....	t	a song sung by two people
21	murder	.....	u	an emotional rock song delivered with powerful vocals
22	on air	.....	v	never ending
23	Pope	.....	w	to continue to live, especially after coming close to death
24	power ballad	.....	x	a strip of DNA or RNA that replicates itself in living things
25	privatize	.....	y	the leader of the Roman Catholic Church
26	regret	.....	z	to announce something clearly or publicly
27	retire	.....	♁	to make an identical DNA copy of a plant or animal
28	survive	.....	☺	to stop working because of old age or illness
29	upbeat	.....	☺	the science of changing the DNA or genes of living things
30	virus	.....	🔍	to find something, especially for the first time

## 1981 Songs - Fluency Practice

The songs and a listening worksheet are available at <http://www.eflclub.com/music.html>.

*Listen and repeat.*

"Endless Love" is a 1981 duet soul song sung by Lionel Richie and Diana Ross.

In this song, the singers declare their endless love for each other.

"(Just Like) Starting Over" is a song written and performed by John Lennon.

The song is about the renewal in Lennon and Yoko's professional and personal lives.

It became a hit in both the USA and UK shortly after Lennon was murdered.

"Don't Stop Believin'" is a power ballad by American rock band Journey.

It is about taking chances, not giving up, and living with no regrets.

The setting for the song is a fictitious South Detroit, which is actually Canada.

"Celebration" is a post-disco upbeat dance song sung by Kool and the Gang.

This song is often played at weddings and parties, or at sports events.

*This photo was taken in 1981. Can you talk about it for one minute?*



## What happened in 1981?

*Say these sentences.*

- 1 The Space Shuttle Columbia had its first flight.
- 2 The Egyptian president was assassinated.
- 3 The Pope was shot and nearly killed in Rome.
- 4 An American journalist admitted to making up her prize-winning story.
- 5 France abolished capital punishment.
- 6 People protested against US nuclear weapons being based in Europe.
- 7 Scientists discovered the AIDS virus.
- 8 Artificial insulin was made by genetic engineering.
- 9 The first London marathon was held.
- 10 MTV went on air for the first time.

*Listen. Write your partner's sentences.*

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
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- 10 .....

## What happened in 1981?

*Say these sentences.*

- 1 Prince Charles and Diana Spencer married in the UK.
- 2 President Reagan survived an assassination attempt in Washington.
- 3 An Irish Republican Army member died while on hunger strike.
- 4 Iran released hostages at the American Embassy in Tehran.
- 5 The first European high speed train service started in France.
- 6 The UK started to privatize its national industries.
- 7 Scientists in China cloned a fish.
- 8 Teenagers in the US had to seek parental consent to have an abortion.
- 9 Boxer Muhammad Ali retired.
- 10 Jamaican reggae singer-songwriter and musician Bob Marley died.

*Listen. Write your partner's sentences.*

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## Face To Face

*Ask and answer the questions with your partner.*

- 1 Which royal couple was married in 1981? .....
- 2 Who survived an assassination attempt in 1981? .....
- 3 Which reggae singer died in 1981? .....
- 4 What do you think of capital punishment? .....
- 5 How is genetic engineering useful? .....
- 6 What viruses are in the news these days? .....
- 7 What do you seek your parents' consent for? .....
- 8 What animals have scientists cloned? .....
- 9 What do you think of reggae? .....
- 10 Would you like to run a marathon? .....
- 11 Do you like MTV? .....
- 12 Do you live your life with no regrets? .....
- 13 What do you think of duets? .....
- 14 If you went to Canada, what would you do? .....
- 15 When do people usually retire in your country? .....

## Face to Face

*Ask and answer the questions with your partner.*

- 1 Which country's president was killed in 1981? .....
- 2 What virus was discovered in 1981? .....
- 3 Where were American hostages released in 1981? .....
- 4 What do you think of nuclear weapons? .....
- 5 How is genetic engineering dangerous? .....
- 6 How do you protect yourself against viruses? .....
- 7 Do you think abortion should be allowed? .....
- 8 What do you think of pet cloning? .....
- 9 Do you like Bob Marley? .....
- 10 What is the furthest distance that you have run? .....
- 11 How often do you watch music programmes? .....
- 12 When do you take chances? .....
- 13 Have you ever declared endless love for someone? .....
- 14 If you went to Jamaica, what would you do? .....
- 15 At what age would you like to retire? .....

## Conduct a Survey

*Use the topics or words of this unit to help you write a class survey question.*

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*Ask your question to everyone in the class and record their answers below.*

*Draw a bar graph of your results.*

*Write a short summary of your survey.*

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*Tell your group or class about your survey.*

## Research and Write

*Research one of the topics of 1981 below using the library or the Internet.*

AIDS

The Iran Hostage Crisis

The Assassination of Anwar Sadat

MTV

Bob Marley

The Royal Wedding of 1981

Bobby Sands

Space Shuttle Columbia

*In your own words, write an essay about your chosen topic.*

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